

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 290

In Senate, February 20, 2003

### **An Act To Clarify the Responsibilities of Contract Law Enforcement Officers**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVAGE of Knox.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2676-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§2676-A. In-state police assistance**

8 A duly authorized officer of a sheriff's office or the State  
10 Police may exercise all statutory authority under section 2671  
12 within a municipality, provided that the chief law enforcement  
14 officer of the requesting municipality has executed with the  
16 chief officer of the responding sheriff's office or the State  
18 Police a written agreement that sets forth the terms and  
20 conditions under which assistance may be requested and rendered.

22 The executed agreement constitutes authorization for every  
24 request for assistance and for any assistance rendered in  
26 accordance with the terms and conditions of the written  
28 agreement, regardless of whether the responding officer is named  
30 in the agreement. In an emergency situation, the ranking on-duty  
32 law enforcement officer of the requesting municipality is  
34 authorized to make an oral request for assistance to the ranking  
on-duty officer in the responding sheriff's office or the State  
Police, subject to the terms and conditions of the written  
agreement, and the responding officer may exercise all statutory  
authority under section 2671.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill clarifies that, if a municipality contracts with a  
34 sheriff's department or the State Police to provide law  
enforcement for the municipality, officers of that sheriff's  
department or the State Police have the full powers of municipal  
police officers within the municipality, including authority to  
enforce local parking ordinances.